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MAE CAESAR PORTER DRAWS IMMENSE CROWD IN DALLAS.

On Tuesday, March 12th the City Hall Auditorium of Dallas, Texas, was crowded beyond its capacity to witness the recital of Mae Caesar Porter of Kansas City. Never before in the history of our city has such a great crowd turned out to hear one of our artists. The recital was under the joint auspices of Macedonia Baptist and Bethel A. M. E. churches. Mrs. Porter's singing won the hearts of her auditors who are enthusiastically praising her brilliant work and welcome her early return.

MARYVILLE, MO.

Cyrene Lodge No. 58, A. F. & A. M., and V. C. Haley Chapter, O. E. S., Maryville, Mo., Celebrate Second Anniversary.

March 16, 1918, Hon. N. C. Crews, G. M., A. F. & A. M. for Missouri and Jurisdiction, with the help of the late Dr. M. O. Ricketts and men from Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo., initiated and issued a charter to Cyrene lodge. On March 17, R. G. M. V. C. Haley issued a charter to V. C. Haley Chapter. Saturday, March 16, 1918, the lodge and chapter celebrated their second anniversary with a magnificent banquet that brought fame to Maryville and that would have been a credit and long remembered in any community. Never before have eyes looked on a more beautifully decorated hall.

The guest from Kansas City, Mo., arrived on the noon train. They were met at the station by B. F. Smart, W. M., and Prof. Ernest O. Boone, Jr., who arranged them in the waiting cars and took them to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smart where they were served to the following dinner: Fruit cocktail, grape fruit, salted almonds, roast turkey, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, slaw, jelly, brandy peaches, fresh tomatoes, mayonnaise dressing, dressed lettuce, celery, hot biscuits and butter, fruit salad, salted wafers, brick ice cream and cake and cigars.

After dinner the guest were taken on a tour over the city in two big touring cars. At three the members

of Cyrene lodge with visiting brothers assembled in lodge room for a lecture by G. L. E. G. Lacey. At 8 o'clock the hall doors were thrown open for the Banquet. The hall was decorated with ferns, palms, carnations, cut roses in large fancy baskets. The Stars and Stripes hung suspended on each wall. Suspended from the ceiling in the center of the table was a service flag with one star. Showing Cyrene lodge is as patriotic as she is progressive. The banquet table was the length of the hall and it was beautifully decorated with red carnations and at the west end directly in front of P. G. M. N. C. Crews was the Masonic emblem in flowers. At the east end of the table in front

**MRS. B. F. SMART**

One of Maryville's most prominent and progressive ladies at whose magnificent home the Kansas City visitors were entertained last Saturday.

of R. G. M. Virgil L. Waldon was a floral Eastern Star. Around the walls were the banners of the chapter. The following menu was served: Baked chicken, dressing, potato salad, salmon salad, deviled eggs, baked beans, boiled tongue, bread and butter sandwiches, pickles, coffee, ice cream and cake.

After the guest had finished eating, Prof. Ernest O. Boone, Jr., toastmaster for the evening, called the ban-

quetters to order and after a few introductory remarks called for two-minute talks from the following: Mr. B. F. Smart gave a very cordial welcome address; Mrs. Lula Madison rendered a solo. Response to welcome address, Prof. Wm. H. Dawley, G. R. A. F. & A. M. and Vice Principal L. H. School. Address, Mrs. V. E. Waldon, R. G. M. O. E. S. Mr. R. Fullbright, D. D. G. M. Mr. T. G. McCampbell, G. H. P. R. A. M., Mrs. B. F. Smart, R. M. V. C. Haley Chapter, O. E. S. Mr. Jas. Palmer, J. W. Cyrene Lodge, Mrs. Kate Wilson, P. G. L. O. E. S. and G. E. S. stood under the Stars and Stripes and in her own winsome way recited a tribute to the soldier, "The Black Regiment." E. G. Lacey, G. L., gave an address at the end of which he recited a poem on Masonry that won the hearts of all Masons present. Mrs. Ernest O. Boone, Jr., Chairman of the Lincoln Auxiliary A. R. C. explained the work of the Red Cross very nicely and made a favorable impression for Red Cross work with all present. Mr. O. R. Vance Tyler of Cyrene lodge made an interesting and timely talk. Miss Mazie Woodson rendered a solo.

Hon. N. C. Crews was called to end the program and the rule for 2 minutes was suspended and he was tendered the floor for an address which as he always does ably responded with the oratorical ability that has brought fame to our race. First he told of the setting up of Cyrene lodge. He paid a tribute to his staunch friend, the late Dr. M. O. Ricketts. He told how for the last 16 years since 1902 he has been coming to Maryville delivering the Emancipation Address and of the hospitality of the people here. How glad he would be the day Maryville entertains the Grand Lodge of Masons of Missouri. He told how T. G. McCampbell induced him to join the Masonic fraternity and how he had stood with him and pushed him to Grand Master, the highest honor for a Mason.

He presented to Bro. B. F. Smart, W. M., of Cyrene lodge a hand made gavel in behalf of Prof. F. McGee and A. D. Butler of St. Joseph, Mo., to be used in the spirit of brotherly love in governing his lodge. Mr. Crews

tore at the hearts of his followers when he said he hoped that he would be spared by the Supreme Architect to come to the Banquet next year, but if he should be called to dwell in that building not wrought by hand in the heavens that his good spirit would be present and lend to the assembly that joy of heart and soul that they might have when he was present.

After the Banquet the craft was called together to confer the second and third degrees on Green Thomas, Frank Boyd and Aaron Williams. G. L. E. G. Lacey filled the chair as W. M. At 6:30 a. m. Sunday morning the out-of-town visitors had breakfast at Mrs. B. F. Smart's and Mrs. E. O. Boone's from where they left for Kansas City on the 8 o'clock train. The out-of-town guests were: Mrs. Kate Wilson, Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. V. L. Waldon, Columbia, Mo.; Mr. A. D. Butler, St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Lola Brown, Blanchard, Ia.; Mr. T. G. McCampbell, Prof. W. H. Dawley, Mr. R. Fullbright, Mr. E. G. Lacey, Mr. A. A. Williams, Miss Mazie Woodson, Mrs. Lula Madison, Hon. N. C. Crews, Kansas City, Mo.

WEIR, KANS.

By Mrs. A. R. Phillips.

Mrs. Abe Darkis was in Weir last week and spent Sunday with Mrs. Wiley Johnson and attended service at the St. John Baptist church. Mrs. W. F. Kink, of Pittsburg, attended church service at Weir last Sunday. Mrs. A. R. Phillips was in Weir shopping last Monday. Mrs. Rosa Brown, of Radley, Kans., was in Weir Tuesday on lodge business. Mrs. W. F. King and Miss Mae Jackson of Pittsburg were in Weir Saturday and spent a pleasant afternoon with Mrs. A. R. Phillips. Mr. A. R. Phillips, having lost seventeen dollars last pay day, was very fortunate in getting it back; it being found by a young lady.

Mr. A. Dillard of Weir returned from Kansas City Sunday afternoon with his late bride. We extend to them hearty congratulations and wish for them a prosperous journey through life. Mr. Isaac Starr, Mrs. Dave Williams and M. Lee are on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Martha Frazier, 77 years old, mother of Charles D. Frazier, of Grand Canyon, Ariz., passed away March 13 after a brief illness at her home in the little city of Blackburn, Saline county. Mr. Frazier was at her bed side, also the other four children of the family. Mrs. Frazier was a member for over forty years of the Free Will Baptist church and was well known and loved by all who knew her in that locality.

The funeral was held March 16 from her own church and was conducted by Rev. C. R. Williams, assisted by Rev. Wm. Todd. There were many friends from the surrounding towns, Arrow Rock, Black Water and Sedalia in attendance. The Sun extends its deepest sympathy to the family.

SOCIAL SERVICE LECTURES.

There will be given at Old City Hospital, a series of lectures on Social Service, beginning Wednesday evening, September 19, and every Thursday thereafter throughout the year. These lectures will be given by experts along their special lines, as indicated by the following program. They will also be free, and anyone wishing to take advantage of them is invited to attend. They will be given in the nurses' Study Room of the Old City Hospital, and will begin promptly at 8 o'clock p. m.

March 21: Prof. J. R. E. Lee, principal, Lincoln High School. Subject, "The School and Social Service."

April 4: Miss Anna Jones, Lincoln High School. Subject, "The Working Girls' Home."

April 11: Mrs. Margaret Barnett, investigator for Board of Health.

April 18: Mr. James A. Lee, truant officer. Subject, "The Truant Child."

April 25: Miss Beatrice Sydnor, R. N. and Miss Grace White, teacher. Subject, "The Fresh Air School."

May 2: Miss Eva M. Marquis. Subject, "How to Develop the Social Life of the Community."

May 9: Mr. O. J. Hill, president Federated Negro Charities.

May 16: Mrs. Frances J. Jackson, County Home for Negroes. Subject, "The County Home."

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